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3 RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
4 FOR  
5 NAS JRB / ARS WILLOW GROVE  
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10 Willow Grove, Pennsylvania  
11 Wednesday, October 6, 2004  
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14 Meeting held in the above-captioned  
15 matter at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve  
16 Base, on the above date, beginning at  
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PRESENT:

Jim Edmond

Russ Turner

Ed Boyle

Charanjit Gill

April Flipse

Jeff Dale

Yuriy Neboga

Scott Shaw

Kevin Kilmartin

Mark Stephens

Marge Johnston

Charles Gaffney

Christopher Snyder

Rick Cline

Jeff Killian

Mary Liz Gemmill

Rich Peffall

Jack Dunleavy

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Arnold Haggerty

Paul Ruppel



## A G E N D A

1. Welcome Community Members  
Air Station Items/Comments  
Suggestions for RAB Mission Statement
2. Review and discuss the In-Situ Chemical  
Oxidation Implementation progress at  
Air Force POL Site
3. Review and discuss
  - a. Soil Proposed Remedial Action Plan and  
Groundwater Remedial Investigation for  
Navy Site 1 (Privet Road Compound)
  - b. Groundwater Feasibility Study for Navy  
Site 5 (Fire Training Area)
  - c. Groundwater Report for Navy Site 10  
(Navy Fuel Farm)
  - d. No Further Action for Navy Site 11  
(Aircraft Defueling Area)
4. Closing Remarks
  - a. Questions & Comments
  - b. Set Date for next RAB Meeting  
(12 January 2005)
  - c. Meeting Adjourned



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2 MR. EDMOND: I'd like to  
3 welcome everyone. The Navy and Air Force  
4 would like to welcome you back to NAS JRB  
5 Willow Grove for our Restoration Advisory  
6 Board meeting. Thank you all for coming.  
7 We have a lot of good stuff to talk about  
8 tonight. It looks like the Air Show is  
9 going to be Memorial Day weekend. It  
10 looks like The Blue Angels will be the  
11 main act. It's not etched in stone  
12 because the schedule doesn't come out for  
13 another month, but it looks pretty well  
14 etched in stone. The Navy ball's coming.  
15 If anyone's interested in attending the  
16 Navy ball, tickets are on sale. See the  
17 XO here. He'll make sure you get tickets  
18 to the Navy ball. He gets bonus points  
19 for every one he sells.

20 CPT. CLINE: So, Jim, you  
21 coming to the Navy ball?

22 MR. EDMOND: No, sir.

23 From that point, let's move on.  
24 We're doing a lot of good things  
25 environmentally. We have implemented our



1  
2 EMS at Willow Grove. It's up and  
3 running. We're working on our EQA. The  
4 environmental side of the house is doing  
5 well, no notices of violation, so we're  
6 moving ahead.

7 Captain Cline here is the XO.  
8 He took Commander Rosene's spot. He'll  
9 be with us for one or two more RABs, but  
10 as he is a captain now he will get a  
11 major command and be moving on to bigger  
12 and better things. But he's our cochair  
13 until his replacement arrives.

14 In case you didn't notice, on  
15 the 17th of July, Captain Smith was  
16 relieved by Captain Harry Myers. Captain  
17 Myers is now the commanding officer and  
18 will be here for two years.

19 One other thing I wanted to  
20 mention, most of you folks weren't here  
21 at the last meeting. It seems like we  
22 have an A and B team. The A team is here  
23 tonight and B team was here at the last  
24 meeting. But there was some changes that  
25 the Department of Defense, the Under



1  
2 Secretary, put out for the Restoration  
3 Advisory Board. I passed them out and  
4 gave everybody a chance to comment to the  
5 Secretary of Defense if they had any  
6 questions. One of the things that we do  
7 not have as a Restoration Advisory Board  
8 which they recommend we do have is a  
9 mission statement. I have some mission  
10 statements here which I distributed to  
11 the B team when they were here, so I'll  
12 distribute them to the A team. This is a  
13 Mechanicsburg Naval Support Activity  
14 Mechanicsburg mission statement. If you  
15 could in your free time in the next three  
16 months look it over and see if you can  
17 come up with an idea or ideas for how to  
18 do a mission statement for us. It's not  
19 essential that we have one. It's not a  
20 mandatory thing. But the Secretary of  
21 Defense suggests we do have a mission  
22 statement that kind of says what we're  
23 all about, what we're here for and what  
24 we're doing.

25 Besides that, I'm done. I'm



1  
2 going to turn it over to the Air Force  
3 contractor or the Air Force to Mr. Gill.  
4 He's going to give a short presentation  
5 and he'll talk about his sites, we'll  
6 take a short break, and then the Navy's  
7 got a bunch of stuff to talk about.

8 So, Gill?

9 MR. GILL: Thank you, Jim. We  
10 do appreciate you guys coming. As you  
11 remember from the last RAB meetings, we  
12 do have only one active site on the Air  
13 Force side. And we are going to discuss  
14 that site. We're going to give you  
15 status and update on the remediation  
16 going on at that site. So I'm going to  
17 introduce Mr. Scott Shaw from Tetra Tech.

18 MR. SHAW: Did everybody get  
19 the handouts I have here? As Gill said,  
20 my name is Scott Shaw. I'm the project  
21 manager for the Willow Grove POL area  
22 site investigation. We're currently  
23 looking at some groundwater contamination  
24 that resulted from some JP-4 spills that  
25 took place in the POL back probably prior





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2 to 1979. As was said before, this is  
3 sort of the A team. I see a lot of very  
4 familiar faces so I'm not going to go  
5 into a lot of background about the site.  
6 What I wanted to do was tell you the  
7 things we've done in the last year to  
8 nine months since the last time I was  
9 here. I want to go over some groundwater  
10 sampling results. We've collected two  
11 rounds of sampling since the last time I  
12 was here. I want to talk about the  
13 progress of our remedy.

14 This is -- I don't know if you  
15 all can see. The map on your sheet is  
16 actually pretty small. This is up in the  
17 northern corner of the Base. The tanks  
18 that make up the POL area are these two  
19 small circles here. And the dots that  
20 you see sort of extending out in the  
21 northwesterly direction are monitoring  
22 wells that we're currently using at the  
23 site. We use them for a number of  
24 reasons: to monitor the magnitude and  
25 direction of groundwater flow; to



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2 maintain a record of groundwater  
3 contamination, see what dissolved  
4 contaminants are doing in groundwater.  
5 We monitor both the shallow groundwater  
6 and bedrock groundwater. In other words,  
7 we monitor the soil above bedrock and we  
8 monitor water in the soil above bedrock,  
9 and we monitor groundwater in the  
10 bedrock.

11 The next slide shows a couple  
12 things. Principally it shows the  
13 location of some of those monitoring  
14 wells again with the elevation of  
15 groundwater at those points. It also  
16 shows equal elevations of groundwater  
17 across the site. Up in what is the  
18 upgradient and the higher groundwater end  
19 of the site, we're looking at elevations  
20 of around almost 270 feet down to towards  
21 the -- closer to Graeme Park we're  
22 looking at groundwater elevations of  
23 about 242 feet. So groundwater also  
24 flows in a northwesterly direction. In  
25 most cases groundwater here -- well, in



1  
2 all cases groundwater here discharges to  
3 the little park, what we call Park Creek  
4 tributary. It flows also to the  
5 northwest.

6 The two pictures that you see  
7 side by side are the results of  
8 groundwater sampling that were collected  
9 in September 2003, about a year ago, and  
10 our most recent completed groundwater  
11 sampling back in June and July. We are  
12 currently sampling groundwater again. We  
13 do so on a quarterly basis.

14 What this slide shows is a  
15 couple things. In September 2003 we had  
16 about four or five wells where we had  
17 detections of compounds of concern.  
18 PADEP has decided for jet fuels that  
19 there's a series of compounds that should  
20 be of importance in sites like this. Of  
21 that list of about ten compounds, there  
22 are two that we see again and again at  
23 the site or see again and again at the  
24 site above a regulatory limit. In this  
25 case, they're benzene and the compound



1  
2 called naphthalene. About a year ago,  
3 our highest concentrations -- the  
4 bubbles, by the way, are a combined total  
5 of those two compounds. If you add the  
6 concentrations of benzene and naphthalene  
7 together and you were to express them as  
8 the size of a bubble, that size is  
9 reflected in this map. And the sizes are  
10 complementary across the two maps. If it  
11 was 5 parts per million over here, the  
12 bubble would be the same size as 5 parts  
13 per million over there.

14 A year ago the highest combined  
15 concentration -- also some of the highest  
16 concentrations we saw were in a  
17 downgradient well right here where the  
18 benzene concentration was 110 parts per  
19 billion and naphthalene was 67. The  
20 regulatory limits for those compounds are  
21 5 for benzene and 100 parts per billion  
22 for naphthalene. So in September we had  
23 three wells that were above the detection  
24 for benzene, this well here, the larger  
25 one, another one here in the corner of



1  
2 the POL area, and then one almost right  
3 on the fence line between the Base and  
4 the off-property area. A little bit has  
5 changed since then. Principally -- we  
6 had five wells then. We have four wells  
7 now. This small dot out here is a  
8 detection where we had about 4 parts per  
9 billion of naphthalene. We're not  
10 detecting benzene or naphthalene at that  
11 well at the present time. The  
12 concentration in this well here for  
13 benzene has reduced from what was 110 to  
14 about 9.1, actually very close to the  
15 regulatory limit. And the concentration  
16 of naphthalene has reduced some but it's  
17 right around the same concentration,  
18 about 60 parts per billion. The  
19 concentration of naphthalene again here  
20 hasn't changed much in this well, was  
21 130, it's 120 now, and benzene has  
22 increased from about 6 to 14.

23 RAB MEMBER: Just a quick  
24 question. These numbers, are they single  
25 sampling or averages of more than one



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sampling event?

MR. SHAW: It depends. As a part of any sampling event, we do quality assurance. We do duplicates, test our sample methods. I can't tell you which of these are multiple samples. We tend to plot or tend to stand by the higher concentration. We haven't had a problem with quality assurance either when we have collected duplicate samples. The concentrations are fairly the same within a margin of error for that specific testing method.

RAB MEMBER: Thanks.

MR. SHAW: The next thing I want to talk about is our remedial strategy. It's been some time since I talked here. We have sort of a two-phase approach to the remedy at this site. We still have some free phase product in the ground. And to address that, we have selected a process called chemical oxidation using something called Fenton's reagent with that process using a certain



1  
2 amount of iron and hydrogen peroxide  
3 injected into the ground to destroy the  
4 free product portion of the  
5 contamination. Once that is  
6 accomplished, we intend to follow on with  
7 a process called biosparging, injecting a  
8 small amount of air into the ground to  
9 stimulate biodegradation of the dissolved  
10 phase contamination. And as always, the  
11 third bullet there for monitoring the  
12 impact of the remedy is carried on  
13 throughout the remedial strategy. We  
14 begin monitoring before we start chemical  
15 oxidation and will be monitoring long  
16 after or after we complete the  
17 biosparging phase of the investigation.

18 To accomplish both the chemical  
19 oxidation portion and the biosparging  
20 portion, we've installed a series of  
21 injection points in the pattern that you  
22 see here. Recalling from the earlier  
23 diagram, these are the two tanks. This  
24 is the POL area. This is the  
25 off-property area. We have a series of



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2 areas across the site where we notice  
3 things like free product are higher than  
4 normal concentrations of dissolved phase  
5 constituents. And around those areas we  
6 installed injection points. Also so that  
7 we can accomplish monitoring while we're  
8 doing the injection, we're doing  
9 biosparging without interrupting the  
10 processes that are going on installed  
11 monitoring wells, small monitoring points  
12 in each -- those are sort of the open  
13 circles in the squares.

14 Let me actually leave that up  
15 there while I talk about what we've done  
16 in the past, what we're doing now, and  
17 what our plans are for the future. What  
18 have we done recently since our last  
19 meeting? We've completed two rounds of  
20 injection of some of the wells in Area B.  
21 This is actually a large area and  
22 managing an injection in all of those  
23 points at any one time would sort of  
24 be -- it's somewhat prohibitive. So we  
25 have selected about half of those wells





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2 to run our initial injection in that  
3 particular area. We've run two  
4 injections there. The entire chemical  
5 oxidation phase calls for three  
6 injections in any one well. We've  
7 completed one round of injection --  
8 complete injection in Area D in the  
9 center here. We have conducted baseline  
10 sampling. Remember I was talking about  
11 the monitoring we do in Area H. And we  
12 completed and are currently going through  
13 a groundwater monitoring session right  
14 now.

15 Any questions?

16 RAB MEMBER: This might be for  
17 Hal or Gill, but that's the off-site  
18 property; right? That's not on the Base  
19 property; right?

20 MR. GILL: Yes.

21 RAB MEMBER: And the current  
22 owners of that land are being  
23 cooperative?

24 MR. GILL: Yes.

25 RAB MEMBER: Real cooperative.



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2 MR. SHAW: I can answer yes, he  
3 is.

4 RAB MEMBER: I'm glad to hear  
5 that.

6 MR. SHAW: What are we  
7 currently doing? I talked about we are  
8 currently injecting in areas finishing up  
9 that third round of injection in some of  
10 those wells in Area B. We're also  
11 working in Area D as well. We're not  
12 working this week. We had quite a bit of  
13 rain last week. We decided it was time  
14 to hold off, let things dry out for a  
15 week. We'll be back next week. We're  
16 conducting quarterly groundwater  
17 monitoring. And we are conducting what  
18 we call performance monitoring in wells  
19 in Area H.

20 Now, what do we have planned in  
21 the immediate future? Once we complete  
22 the injection we're currently doing in  
23 Area D, there will be for lack of a  
24 better term a latency period. We let the  
25 wells sit, let the pH come back up, let



1  
2 the peroxide concentrations go down, and  
3 we conduct a round of groundwater  
4 monitoring in D. And we intend to  
5 complete the third round of injections in  
6 Area D. We are currently -- we just  
7 completed the baseline sampling in Area H  
8 here. We intend to complete the first  
9 and second rounds of injection in those  
10 areas, the first being in October and the  
11 second planned for December. And  
12 sometime after that we will begin the  
13 evaluation of which wells are best suited  
14 to begin bioremediation in.

15 And with that, that's my  
16 presentation.

17 MR. EDMOND: Any other  
18 questions for Scott or Gill or Hal?

19 RAB MEMBER: You've got buy-in  
20 from the EPA and State on this for  
21 everything?

22 MS. FLIPSE: State.

23 MR. SHAW: It's a State-run --  
24 the storage tank program is a State-run  
25 program and we brief them about once



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every three or four months.

RAB MEMBER: How much impact does the amount of rainfall we've had play on the amount of benzene and naphthalene in the ground? Wouldn't that dilute some of it?

MR. SHAW: It does to a certain extent, but the other -- there are a couple things that come into play. It does to a certain extent, of course. It's an old site. We're dealing with a spill that probably happened back in 1980. What tends to happen there -- one of the things I didn't say about chemical oxidation is as the water table rises and falls, especially with something that floats like jet fuel or gasoline or diesel fuel, as it rises and falls and flows in and out of soil that it's been in and out of before, it develops something called a smear zone. So while it's true that there is some dilution, there's also some new contamination that can take place. You can pick up some of



1  
2 that residual. You can pick up some of  
3 the free product that may have been  
4 isolated when the water table fell. In  
5 some instance, particularly for  
6 bioremediation, if the water table rises,  
7 that's better because our screens are  
8 submerged deeper. We can affect a bigger  
9 area when we inject air than if it's very  
10 shallow. There are good things, clearly  
11 good things and bad things. At this  
12 point I think that they're better things.

13 RAB MEMBER: Would you say also  
14 when you see these levels of contaminants  
15 as being this level one time and that  
16 level another time that may not  
17 necessarily be a function of the time  
18 that's elapsed but the phenomenon you  
19 just talked about, rising and falling of  
20 the water table?

21 MR. SHAW: Absolutely. I agree  
22 with you. I mean, I can look -- we  
23 talked about the one well up in the  
24 corner that no longer shows a detection.  
25 We could have collected a sample there



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2 two weeks ago and it could have minor  
3 concentrations of those compounds. I do  
4 not suspect that they would be above the  
5 regulatory limit, though.

6 MR. EDMOND: Anything else?

7 RAB MEMBER: Think we can  
8 eliminate the break?

9 MR. EDMOND: That's what I was  
10 going to say. Get that homework done.  
11 What we'll do now is do the Navy  
12 presentation. We have a lot to discuss.  
13 I'd like to introduce Mr. Ed Boyle.  
14 Mr. Ed Boyle is the remedial manager from  
15 Environmental Field Activity Northeast  
16 and Navy activity that assists us in our  
17 contracting and our remedial action as  
18 the manager for Willow Grove.

19 So, Mr. Boyle?

20 MR. BOYLE: I see a lot of new  
21 faces that weren't at the last RAB and  
22 when I overviewed the scope of work, what  
23 was basically a plan of action for what  
24 we're planning, the Navy's planning and  
25 EPA and State, for the next two years.



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2 When I took over, I sent a synopsis or  
3 summary of where we thought we were at  
4 each of the sites and where we wanted to  
5 go. Based on that information, feedback  
6 from April and Lisa, who's not here  
7 tonight, Mark Stephens is here  
8 representing, based on that feedback I  
9 came up with a scope of work that  
10 outlined what we're going to do at Site  
11 1, Privet Road landfill, which was  
12 prepare a PRAP for soil for no further  
13 action and complete an RI for  
14 groundwater. And tonight we're going to  
15 have Russ Turner discussing the Site 1  
16 PRAP for soil and Kevin Kilmartin talking  
17 about the RI for groundwater. Also in  
18 that scope of work was Site 2, the  
19 antenna field landfill. We needed to  
20 complete an RI for that. We won't be  
21 discussing that tonight, but that is in  
22 draft form right now and we're reviewing  
23 it.

24 At the last meeting I noticed a  
25 lot of frustration with people that we



1  
2 weren't moving along. And I know when I  
3 started about nine months or a year ago  
4 there was no funding for the project.  
5 And then even at the last meeting, you  
6 know, I had completed the scope of work  
7 to do this additional work which we'll be  
8 discussing tonight, but there was no  
9 funding for it. So since then we've  
10 locked in funding and we're moving ahead.

11 And finally in that scope of  
12 work was the Site 5 fire training area,  
13 the feasibility study, which also Russ  
14 will be discussing. We did discuss at  
15 the meeting the work we're doing at Sites  
16 10 and 11 to try to close those sites  
17 out, and Jeff will be discussing the no  
18 further actions at this time documents  
19 that we've completed. So there's a lot  
20 of things on the agenda and I think we're  
21 moving ahead in a positive direction.  
22 We've had cooperation from EPA and the  
23 State getting back quick response,  
24 working with us to finalize these  
25 documents. And I think things are going





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2 in a positive way.

3 So with that, I'll turn it over  
4 to Russ.

5 RAB MEMBER: Just one quick  
6 one. The draft RI for the antenna field,  
7 can RAB members review that?

8 MR. BOYLE: That's in rough  
9 draft right now. We're reviewing it. As  
10 soon as I have a draft --

11 RAB MEMBER: What do I do, call  
12 Jim?

13 MR. TURNER: It's Navy  
14 internal.

15 MR. BOYLE: We're reviewing it.  
16 As soon as it's in draft, we'll get you a  
17 copy.

18 MR. EDMOND: If it's done by  
19 the next RAB, there will be copies  
20 distributed then to save on mailing  
21 costs.

22 MR. TURNER: For interested  
23 parties.

24 MR. EDMOND: This is the  
25 proposed remedial action plans for Site 1



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2       soils.

3                   MR. TURNER:   So we have these  
4       three topics we're going to discuss  
5       tonight.   Kevin's going to get the middle  
6       one.   I'll get the top and bottom.   The  
7       first thing I'd like to do -- two things  
8       actually.   The reason we have the  
9       proposed remedial action plan tonight is  
10      part of the Navy's installation  
11      restoration program.   There are four  
12      sites at the Air Station.   We're going to  
13      be speaking about two of them tonight.  
14      But the law requires a certain process,  
15      remedial investigation, feasibility  
16      study, and regulators know all those  
17      issues.   The reason tonight's meeting was  
18      advertised as a public meeting is for a  
19      30-day comment period required by law for  
20      the Navy's proposed remedial activity  
21      here.   And comments will be incorporated,  
22      follow-on will be a ROD, record of  
23      decision.

24                   RAB MEMBER:   Thirty days starts  
25      today then?



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MR. TURNER: I think we had it start September 30 running through October 30, something like that. It probably says it on the last page of your -- before the figures in there.

Okay. So let me just make sure --

MR. EDMOND: On or before October 27.

MR. TURNER: September 27 through October 27 then. If the public has comments, then they can be incorporated and will be part of the process that way.

Let's make sure we're all on the same page here. I have an aerial photograph and the USGS map. The sites we're going to talk about, to get your bearings, this would be Route 611, Horsham Road -- 467, is it?

MR. EDMOND: 463.

MR. TURNER: 463. The Privet Road compound site is up on this side of the Base to the east of the runways. The



1  
2 former fire training area is on the south  
3 side of the runways. And those are the  
4 two sites we're going to talk about.

5 Okay. For Site 1 soil PRAP, I  
6 want to just give you an idea what we're  
7 going to talk about. I'm going to cover  
8 location, once again summary of past  
9 activities, potential concerns, proposed  
10 actions, how the public can obtain more  
11 information, and comment period we just  
12 mentioned, and sequence of subsequent  
13 events. The public can obtain more  
14 information -- probably mostly everyone  
15 knows already the admin record is  
16 maintained in the Horsham Township  
17 Municipal Building over on Horsham Road.  
18 Actually, you could almost spit there  
19 from the Air Station. In there are all  
20 the former documents, remedial  
21 investigation and feasibility study for  
22 Site 1 soils. Subsequent events, let's  
23 talk about those at the end.

24 Okay. You remember where we  
25 said Privet Road compound is. This is



1  
2 actually Privet Road. It runs through  
3 the Air Station. This facility here,  
4 this region here, which is the current  
5 bowling alley if anyone's familiar with  
6 that -- I think we all are actually --  
7 historically there were municipal waste  
8 transfer stations essentially here. In  
9 addition to that, there were PCB  
10 transformers stored somewhere in this  
11 general facility. And so there was soil  
12 contamination in this general vicinity  
13 here, including a couple spots in the  
14 middle of the asphalt parking lot. The  
15 type of contamination was polychlorinated  
16 biphenyls, PCBs. The groundwater in this  
17 area is shallow groundwater. And Kevin's  
18 going to be talking about that a lot, but  
19 the main thing is PCBs did not  
20 infiltrate. There's no contamination of  
21 PCBs in the groundwater. Surface water  
22 from this area goes through a drainage  
23 ditch here down to an intermittent stream  
24 here. It always seems to have water in  
25 it when I'm around. So there's a stream



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2 here that goes out to the Air Force pond  
3 basically is what I would call it, the  
4 former pond, which is now the dry pond.  
5 PCBs generally -- this is the surface  
6 soil and near subsurface soil  
7 contamination we were dealing with. The  
8 Navy has done 2 or 3 feet excavation  
9 maximum I think, but they don't generally  
10 migrate. And in this case they've  
11 migrated very little because we sampled  
12 these surface water and sediment  
13 locations, found just one low level of  
14 PCB below regulatory concern. So it was  
15 felt then that this was a candidate for a  
16 quick removal, immediate removal, and the  
17 Navy prepared an action memorandum. And  
18 actually a removal occurred.

19 Now, for the law we're still  
20 required by EPA under the National  
21 Contingency Plan, NCP, to go through the  
22 process of public involvement. That's  
23 why we're here today. So for that reason  
24 a feasibility study was completed. It  
25 was called an EECA, Economic Evaluation



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2 Cost Analysis, in which the alternatives  
3 were looked at. The no action  
4 alternative, which is required by law, is  
5 the baseline. The Navy looked at  
6 excavation with on-site treatment and  
7 disposal. That would have been on-site  
8 thermal treatment and disposal back into  
9 the same excavation hole, into the same  
10 dig. The third alternative looked at was  
11 excavation with off-site treatment and  
12 disposal. That means you take the soil  
13 out, treat it thermally and dispose of it  
14 elsewhere, you bring in new soil to the  
15 then empty hole in the ground. That was  
16 very expensive. Alternative four,  
17 excavation with off-site disposal in  
18 landfill, levels of concentration that we  
19 had here were such that they were fairly  
20 low. The range was up to about 50.  
21 There was a typical 5, 6, 10 parts per  
22 million in soil up to about 50. And so  
23 that's considered pretty low and it's  
24 permitted to be disposed in a landfill in  
25 Pennsylvania. So in this case the



1  
2           selected alternative then was excavation  
3           with off-site disposal.

4                   RAB MEMBER: Do you know what  
5           landfill that went to?

6                   MR. TURNER: Off the top of my  
7           head, I don't, but we could find out. It  
8           would be certainly in the admin record.

9                   Do you have that, Jim?

10                   MR. EDMOND: Somewhere, yeah.  
11           It's in the administrative record.

12                   MR. TURNER: It's not in our --

13                   MR. EDMOND: It's somewhere  
14           close to your backyard, Rich.

15                   MR. TURNER: So the actual soil  
16           removal based on the Alternative four  
17           having been selected was performed in  
18           June 1999. It consisted of soil  
19           excavation in stages, confirmation  
20           sampling with analyses sent to the  
21           laboratory with quick turnaround to make  
22           sure that the excavation was complete.  
23           DEP was on-site. Tetra Tech had a  
24           supervisor on site, technical  
25           representative on-site. The actual cost





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2 was 740,000. The excavation was somewhat  
3 larger than planned. And the other  
4 reason the cost went up, I think this  
5 number includes administrative costs, all  
6 administrative costs, for instance, the  
7 laboratory analysis and things like that.

8 And that's really about it. If  
9 there are any questions about the law or  
10 about contaminants or the cleanup. If  
11 not --

12 RAB MEMBER: Just a  
13 clarification. You just showed us what  
14 was done years ago. That was all  
15 removed. But what's happening tonight is  
16 you're putting out a proposed plan saying  
17 now that we've done that, we don't have  
18 to do anything else.

19 MR. BOYLE: Right.

20 RAB MEMBER: I just want to  
21 make sure everyone understands that.

22 MR. TURNER: I think that's a  
23 good point. No further action.

24 MR. EDMOND: This document is  
25 so we can take the site off and say this



1  
2 site requires no further action, we're  
3 doing no further remediation as long as  
4 the site stays as it is now.

5 RAB MEMBER: And there was  
6 testing done after that removal?

7 MR. EDMOND: There was testing  
8 done before the removal, during the  
9 removal, and there was continuing  
10 sampling until we got to permissible  
11 levels. And that's when we stopped and  
12 backfilled.

13 MR. TURNER: In addition, the  
14 Navy prepared a final report of the  
15 cleanup and it was accepted by the  
16 parties.

17 MR. EDMOND: This is basically  
18 to dot the Is and cross the Ts to take it  
19 off the NPL list.

20 MR. TURNER: Are we okay for  
21 Site 1 soils? We'll move into Site 1 and  
22 grander vicinity groundwater with Kevin.

23 MR. EDMOND: Thanks, Russ.

24 This is Kevin Kilmartin. Kevin  
25 Kilmartin is a hydrogeologist with Tetra



1  
2 Tech.

3 RAB MEMBER: One of the best  
4 hydrogeologists in Pennsylvania; right?

5 MR. KILMARTIN: Okay. I'm  
6 done. No. I guess, as Russ said, what I  
7 want to do tonight is just give an update  
8 on the status of the groundwater  
9 investigations that have been ongoing at  
10 Site 1, the Privet Road compound. And  
11 what I'll do is we'll review the existing  
12 site interpretation that was presented in  
13 the RI report that was submitted in July  
14 of 2002. I'll discuss some additional  
15 data that's been obtained from some new  
16 monitoring wells that were installed  
17 subsequent to the submission of the RI.  
18 Those wells were installed last year in  
19 2003. And then I'll discuss the impact  
20 of these new data on our interpretation  
21 of the site and how it changes or doesn't  
22 change our existing conceptual site model  
23 for the groundwater at Site 1. And what  
24 I'm going to do is really just jump  
25 directly to the conclusions. I'm not



1  
2 going to present a detailed discussion on  
3 how these data led to the conclusions  
4 that I'll present. The technical  
5 document that goes through the technical  
6 reasons for or the interpretation of  
7 these data that led to these conclusions  
8 has been submitted to the State and to  
9 the EPA and that document's currently  
10 undergoing regulatory review.

11 RAB MEMBER: What document is  
12 that, Kevin?

13 MR. KILMARTIN: I don't know  
14 the name of it. It's a draft.

15 MR. TURNER: Draft RI addendum  
16 for groundwater.

17 MR. KILMARTIN: So what I'll do  
18 first again is just get everyone back up  
19 to speed on our interpretation of the  
20 site conditions here. This is the same  
21 USGS Base map that Russ showed you just  
22 before. It's just been annotated with a  
23 lot of hydrochemical and geological data.  
24 This figure is from the RI report so you  
25 probably have seen it before. I just



1  
2 want to orient you and point out a couple  
3 of the site features. Here's Site 1,  
4 Privet Road compound. Here's Site 10,  
5 the fuel farm. And these are the two  
6 Navy supply wells that are located  
7 adjacent to Privet Road, supply wells No.  
8 1 and No. 2.

9 MR. EDMOND: For those who  
10 don't know, that's our drinking water  
11 supply wells. We produce our own water.  
12 We are a Pennsylvania certified water  
13 producer.

14 RAB MEMBER: You're still  
15 stripping that water too?

16 MR. EDMOND: Yes, we are.

17 MR. KILMARTIN: Now, of course,  
18 these wells are impacted by chemicals,  
19 chiefly what we call volatile organic  
20 compounds or I'll just call them VOCs  
21 tonight for short. The four most  
22 abundant chemicals are TCE, PCE,  
23 1,1,1-TCA, and cis1,2-DCE. I know that's  
24 just a lot of letters, but those are  
25 basically the four chemical compounds



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2 that are found most often in these wells.  
3 Now, if you remember, what the RI  
4 concluded was that these wells are  
5 actually being impacted by a series of  
6 coalescing or merging groundwater plumes  
7 that are either traveling or migrating  
8 naturally through this area under regular  
9 groundwater flow conditions or are  
10 possibly being pulled into the area by  
11 the pumping of the wells. One of the  
12 major conclusions of the RI was that  
13 contrary to previous interpretations, the  
14 Privet Road compound or Site 1 is  
15 actually not the major source of those  
16 VOCs. Based on multiple lines of  
17 evidence that I won't repeat tonight, the  
18 RI concluded that the major or most  
19 significant source of these VOCs appears  
20 to be an upgradient or off-site location  
21 that the RI concluded was probably  
22 somewhere in the general vicinity of the  
23 former Kellet aircraft facility, which is  
24 right here.

25 Now, the RI did also indicate



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2       that there were on Base several possible  
3       minor or lesser source of these VOCs.  
4       And these included a potential minor  
5       source of TCE and PCE somewhere near or  
6       in the near vicinity of supply well 1 and  
7       the public works building. It also  
8       concluded that there was the possible  
9       minor source of TCE in the Privet Road  
10      compound itself. And it interpreted a  
11      potential minor source of TCE somewhere  
12      to the southwest of Privet Road or  
13      possibly in the general area of the fuel  
14      farm or upgradient of the fuel farm.

15               The RI also indicated that the  
16      delineation of these individual plumes  
17      and the identification of the source of  
18      these individual plumes was very  
19      difficult because of the complex  
20      hydrogeology here at the site. If you  
21      remember, basically there are two  
22      aquifers. There's a shallow unconfined  
23      aquifer and a deeper semiconfined aquifer  
24      that what we mean by that is it generally  
25      is isolated to some extent from the



1 shallower groundwater. And both of these  
2 aquifers respond differently to the  
3 pumping of the supply wells. And the RI  
4 also indicated that the interpretations  
5 that were made in the RI were constrained  
6 to some extent by a lack of data in some  
7 areas, either being a lack or an absence  
8 of monitoring wells or if wells were  
9 present, they were shallow wells that  
10 were only monitoring that upper or  
11 unconfined aquifer and really weren't  
12 telling us anything about what was going  
13 on in the deeper semiconfined aquifer.

14 So because of these data gaps,  
15 the Navy in 2003 installed additional  
16 monitoring wells to address these gaps  
17 and try to fill in some of the spaces  
18 there. Two new monitoring wells were  
19 installed adjacent to the public works  
20 building here. They consisted of a  
21 monitoring well cluster that consists of  
22 a shallow monitoring well and a deeper  
23 well to monitor the semiconfined aquifer.  
24 In addition, three new wells were  
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2 installed here in the vicinity of the  
3 fuel farm or Site 10. These three wells  
4 each were deeper wells to investigate the  
5 semiconfined portion of the aquifer. And  
6 these wells were paired with existing  
7 shallow wells to basically create three  
8 new monitoring well clusters. Now, these  
9 wells were each sampled twice. There  
10 were two sampling rounds. And these were  
11 conducted in June of 2003 and early this  
12 year in February of 2004. And what we  
13 did was we looked at that data relative  
14 to the existing data that was collected  
15 during the RI and interpreted that data  
16 relative to our existing site model.

17 Again, now what I want to do is  
18 jump directly to the conclusion and what  
19 we found. And what we found by sampling  
20 these wells, first I'll talk about this  
21 area here in the vicinity of the public  
22 works building. It does appear that  
23 there is a minor source of VOCs in the  
24 general area of either the public works  
25 building or in the vicinity of Site 1.



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2 The VOCs, some VOCs were detected in the  
3 unconfined aquifer in this area at very  
4 low concentrations. And I'll just -- I  
5 can read them off quickly. It was TCE at  
6 0.2 micrograms per liter with a microgram  
7 per liter being 1 part per billion,  
8 1,1-DCA was found at 4, and 1,1,1-TCA was  
9 found at 6 micrograms per liter. So  
10 these were all very low detections. PCE  
11 was not detected in either of the two new  
12 wells that were installed there. So,  
13 again, it does appear that there is a  
14 minor source of VOCs in this general  
15 area, but confirming the interpretation,  
16 existing interpretation from the RI, this  
17 area is certainly not the major  
18 contributor to the chemicals that are  
19 being detected in the drinking wells or  
20 the supply wells.

21 The second area was Site 10,  
22 the fuel farm. And the major conclusion  
23 there was again the RI had hypothesized a  
24 potential source of TCE somewhere in this  
25 area. The new data indicate that the



1  
2 fuel farm is not a significant source of  
3 TCE. There may be a very minor source of  
4 TCE somewhere in the northern or  
5 northeastern quadrant of the site there  
6 based on some very low levels of TCE that  
7 were detected in the shallow wells, but  
8 again these are very low, 1 microgram per  
9 liter or less, in most cases less.

10 Several VOCs were found in the new deeper  
11 wells that monitor the unconfined portion  
12 of the site, including TCE, PCE, and  
13 1,1-DCA. Our interpretation of those  
14 data are that what we're seeing there is  
15 actually basically the fringe or edge of  
16 the groundwater plume that's migrating  
17 from this upgradient position. Of  
18 course, in a plume typically the highest  
19 concentrations are found in the center of  
20 the plume, and then as you move out along  
21 the edges the concentrations get less and  
22 less. And we think what we're seeing  
23 there in these new wells are by these  
24 lower concentrations the edge of the  
25 plume that's migrating from this area



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2 here.

3 So, in conclusion, several  
4 potential minor sources of VOCs we think  
5 have been delineated by these new wells,  
6 but really these new data are basically  
7 just confirming the interpretation that  
8 we made in the RI. And again that is  
9 that the major source of these chemicals  
10 is coming from somewhere upgradient and  
11 off-site. And again we believe it's  
12 somewhere in this general area right  
13 here.

14 MR. EDMOND: Kevin, with TCE  
15 and PCE being so prevalent in all the  
16 water in Montgomery and Bucks County and  
17 with all the water authorities stripping  
18 their water for PCE and TCE, how can we  
19 say that TCE or PCE is not just latent  
20 PCE that's being pulled on station by our  
21 wells? I mean, we pump over a million  
22 and a half gallons a month from our  
23 wells.

24 MR. KILMARTIN: Well, that  
25 actually is what we think is happening is



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2       that that is coming from off-site here.  
3       And, you know, again, without really  
4       getting into the nitty-gritty nuts and  
5       bolts about it that's discussed in the  
6       RI, what we do is by looking at a network  
7       of monitoring wells, both upgradient or  
8       upflow from our site and on the other  
9       side after that groundwater has passed  
10      through the site, in addition to  
11      background wells and side gradient wells,  
12      it's really a jigsaw puzzle of all of  
13      these different pieces of data that we  
14      merge the chemical data with our  
15      hydrogeologic flow conditions to try to  
16      determine, you know, basically which way  
17      that plume is flowing and then track it  
18      back to where is it originating or  
19      starting. And what we found here was  
20      exactly what you just discussed, that  
21      this groundwater has been -- the  
22      groundwater here is basically flowing in  
23      this direction or perpendicular to these  
24      blue lines. And what we found by looking  
25      at the off-site data is that this



1  
2 groundwater has been significantly  
3 impacted before it's ever even flowed  
4 onto the Base.

5 MR. EDMOND: This question I  
6 guess is for the group but to Ed. Is  
7 there any thought of us putting wells  
8 outside the fence line to basically prove  
9 the hypothesis that this is an off-site  
10 contamination?

11 MR. BOYLE: We haven't  
12 discussed that. I mean, there's going to  
13 be an issue when we move ahead on what  
14 we're going to do with the site.

15 RAB MEMBER: The Navy can spend  
16 \$2 million to say the problem's not  
17 theirs, I guess.

18 MR. EDMOND: Well, that's what  
19 we're trying to avoid, but sometimes the  
20 community wants proof that it's not us  
21 because we are the government. And I'm  
22 just trying -- so the community knows  
23 what we're trying to do.

24 MS. FLIPSE: The state -- sort  
25 of kind of as soon as I get a spare ten



1  
2 minutes that I need to get out there and  
3 really start looking around that area,  
4 it's probably going to be a State  
5 investigation of the area that we think  
6 is the source that's coming on the Navy  
7 base. It sort of got started and the  
8 person who started it retired. And it's  
9 my project and I've been a little busy  
10 this summer, so it got put on the back  
11 burner again.

12 RAB MEMBER: Jim, wasn't it  
13 discussed at earlier meetings that there  
14 has been targets identified outside the  
15 Base, but they weren't subject to the  
16 strict government regulations that the  
17 Base is?

18 RAB MEMBER: Unless they have  
19 studies like this that kind of point that  
20 way, then that can be pursued.

21 MS. FLIPSE: We know there were  
22 releases we know in the past that were  
23 never made into an enforcement kind of  
24 site.

25 MR. DALE: Well, we also wanted



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2 the additional proof to protect us that  
3 it was not us. These two or three  
4 potential minor sources that Kevin  
5 discussed on Base are all below the  
6 drinking water standards. So even if  
7 that contamination was there and it was  
8 caused by us --

9 RAB MEMBER: I just don't think  
10 we should get into a situation where the  
11 taxpayers like you said are going to  
12 spend \$2 million to prove the problem is  
13 not the Base.

14 MR. DALE: And we've done  
15 enough to show we don't think we  
16 contaminated our wells, we're pretty sure  
17 it's them. We know PADEP has limited  
18 resources and whoever owns that property  
19 may not have any money, but we're just  
20 trying to show it's not us.

21 MR. EDMOND: And let me caveat  
22 what Jeff just said. This is probably  
23 the most studied site on the Air Station.  
24 There's more wells sunk here, more  
25 sampling done here, this is where we've





1  
2 actually taken our pumps out of our  
3 drinking water wells and what we've done  
4 is photographed the wells so we could see  
5 what the fractured bedrock looks like and  
6 where we're drawing water from. We would  
7 pump one well while putting the other  
8 well on hold because right now our pumps  
9 work in tandem, but we would take one  
10 pump off I think it was 48 hours, 72  
11 hours.

12 MR. TURNER: It was more than  
13 24, yeah. It was either 36 -- yeah,  
14 around there, 36 maybe.

15 MR. EDMOND: And what we would  
16 do is see what impact that well had, how  
17 it was drawing, where it was drawing  
18 from. Then we went over and did it to  
19 the other well so we could take  
20 comparisons to see how our wells were  
21 impacting the groundwater supply. So  
22 just so the community knows, this is  
23 probably the most studied site on the Air  
24 Station.

25 RAB MEMBER: I'd like to point



1  
2 out the irony going on here too is with  
3 contaminated groundwater, one of the ways  
4 to clean that up is operate a pump and  
5 treat where you pump the water out and  
6 get rid of it. Navy's effectively been  
7 doing that and has been doing so for,  
8 what, 20 years. With their air  
9 strippers, they get rid of it.

10 MR. EDMOND: And Horsham does  
11 the same thing. !

12 RAB MEMBER: So there's already  
13 a remedy in place for this problem.

14 MR. EDMOND: I just want to be  
15 clear to the community this is a bigger  
16 overlying problem than just the Navy  
17 problem. It's a community, Montgomery,  
18 Bucks County, Horsham, Hatboro,  
19 Warminster. All of us are in this one  
20 together.

21 MR. BOYLE: At a minimum, we're  
22 going to have to at least document what's  
23 out there and probably put some kind of  
24 an institutional control on the area so  
25 that there's no additional. I don't



1  
2 think the further action we do out there  
3 we're going to have to discuss with the  
4 State and EPA, but you have to at least  
5 document the contamination's there. You  
6 can't just walk away from it.

7 MR. EDMOND: Any questions for  
8 Kevin?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. EDMOND: Thanks, Kevin,  
11 great presentation.

12 I guess we'll go back to Russ  
13 for the feasibility study for Site 5,  
14 fire training area. The fire training  
15 area was the area that the community  
16 deemed we should work on first because it  
17 was nearest the fence line. That's why  
18 the feasibility study we put our eggs in  
19 this basket monetarily. We chose this as  
20 the first site to really attack because  
21 money as Ed's said's been tight, but the  
22 community deemed this one the hot site so  
23 this is the one we're pursuing.

24 Russ?

25 MR. TURNER: Along those lines,



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2 Jim, I do want to talk about location,  
3 but before we talk about what a  
4 feasibility study is and how it fits into  
5 the scheme, this is the fire training  
6 area here. Thinking back on the issues  
7 we were just talking about, TCE and other  
8 similar solvents endemic in the  
9 groundwater, there is a pumping well,  
10 Horsham Township well No. 26 is here and  
11 you can see the scale. That's  
12 3,000 feet. I think it's about  
13 2,500 feet. It's about a half mile  
14 distance. That's one of the reasons RAB  
15 said let's look at that right away. The  
16 Navy did some things, for instance,  
17 installing wells in intervening locations  
18 and depths to ensure that no  
19 contamination was moving toward the well.

20 MR. EDMOND: And if I could  
21 add, there are a number -- the community  
22 brought to our attention years ago a  
23 number of hand-dug wells along Horsham  
24 Road. We went out and sampled those  
25 wells to make the community satisfied



1  
2 that our contamination wasn't getting  
3 into their water supply, which we proved,  
4 but we even did find something that  
5 wasn't ours that was in a gentleman's  
6 well which we notified PADEP and they  
7 helped him with. But in case the  
8 community doesn't realize what a fire  
9 training area is, in yesteryear we'll  
10 say, in years gone by, the '40s up  
11 through the '80s, the fire training was  
12 an area you put fluids, lit them on fire,  
13 and the fire department practiced putting  
14 them out. That's good for the fire  
15 department, not so good for the  
16 environment because a certain amount of  
17 these burn off and a certain amount mix  
18 in with groundwater and drop into the  
19 soil and into the groundwater. And  
20 that's the problem we're at now.

21 Okay, Russ.

22 MR. TURNER: Okay. We just  
23 really covered summary of past  
24 activities, fire training activities, but  
25 importantly storage. I want to talk



1  
2 about storage of the solvents that would  
3 be used. Typically, they would be in  
4 drums and those drums tend to leak. The  
5 sun beats on them, liquid expands,  
6 escapes, et cetera. So if you did it for  
7 a number of years as was performed here,  
8 maybe from the late '40s, '50s, and '60s,  
9 maybe even first couple years in the '70s  
10 I think is when it ended, so you have a  
11 large number of years for contamination  
12 to have occurred. So then we'll talk  
13 about the remedial alternatives like we  
14 did for the PRAP at Site 1.

15 Okay. So I think everybody  
16 might want to know where were the drums.  
17 We know from record where they were  
18 stored. It happens to be in the vicinity  
19 of monitoring well 1. There's a  
20 three-well combination there for the  
21 different depths like the geology is  
22 similar to what Kevin was describing at  
23 Site 1. The drums were stored here and  
24 that's where the highest concentration of  
25 the solvents were found, chlorinated



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2 solvents including TCE, the same sort  
3 that Kevin mentioned. We wanted to talk  
4 about these are the monitoring wells the  
5 Navy installed to the different depths to  
6 check on the extent of the contamination,  
7 found out there's a groundwater plume  
8 generally in this vicinity.

9 In this case, surface water in  
10 this case, let's just talk about the  
11 features here. Where does groundwater  
12 flow and where does surface water flow?  
13 I think it's important to talk about.  
14 There's a real special feature about this  
15 part of the facility. It's unique. It's  
16 one of the things that makes this site so  
17 interesting. USGS has identified a  
18 regional groundwater that happens to  
19 coincide with surface water divide that  
20 runs exactly through our site at the fire  
21 training area, which is right here. This  
22 is the fire training area. This is  
23 Horsham Road. This is the little  
24 neighborhood where Horsham Township well  
25 26 is located.



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2                   What's the significance?

3           Groundwater flows literally right down  
4           the middle of the Site 5 and surface  
5           water would run this way presumably to  
6           the Neshaminy down this way to the  
7           Pennypack Creek. Likewise, groundwater  
8           across our site, one of the other  
9           features that happens since we're located  
10          on a groundwater divide, there's hardly  
11          any force. There's very little tilt to  
12          the groundwater. It's a flat groundwater  
13          surface down there so it doesn't tend to  
14          flow. So our plume tends to go deeper  
15          than wide and that's what we've seen out  
16          there by our investigations.

17                   What else do we want to talk  
18          about? We talked about surface water,  
19          fire training exercises, and storage.  
20          The compounds of concern we talked about  
21          are the same chlorinated solvents that  
22          seem to be found generally around the  
23          area. However, we can identify the  
24          historical source right here. We know  
25          where it was. The media of concern is





1  
2 the groundwater plume itself. It's not  
3 surfacing. It's going deeper. And the  
4 concern would be it could reach water  
5 supplies.

6 So in the feasibility study  
7 process of the remedial investigation  
8 where we are now, the Navy looks at  
9 technologies, looks at alternatives, and  
10 puts those together to make remedial  
11 alternatives. Everyone okay with that  
12 approach? Alternative No. 1 like I  
13 mentioned for the proposed remedial  
14 action plan is required by law, the no  
15 action alternative, has no cost to it but  
16 there's no additional protections. It's  
17 evaluated along with all the other  
18 alternatives in the process.

19 The Alternative No. 2 that our  
20 feasibility study identified is monitored  
21 natural attenuation. That's allowing the  
22 plume to continue its present course. We  
23 tend to think -- and Kevin would have to  
24 talk about this, but we tend to think  
25 that the plume currently is in more or



1  
2 less a steady state condition. The  
3 studies that we've done in conjunction  
4 with United States Geologic Survey, USGS,  
5 imply that the plume itself if you  
6 remember where it was was not -- is not  
7 being drawn toward off-site locations.

8 And so the Alternative 3 that  
9 we looked at and the corresponding cost  
10 was what Jack was referring to as a pump  
11 and treat. You sink some wells in there.  
12 You pump the water out. You treat it  
13 above ground with generally an air  
14 stripper, capture the chlorinated  
15 solvents and that gets disposed at Calgon  
16 in Pittsburgh at some future date by  
17 incineration, and you return the water  
18 either to the ground or in this case  
19 since the Navy has a large water  
20 treatment plant that's running at low  
21 capacity, you maybe return it to that  
22 place since it's cheaper. But, anyway,  
23 the cost of that was fairly expensive.

24 In-situ biological, if you  
25 remember, we did this FS once before so



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2 this is a revised FS. The RAB wanted to  
3 know why we weren't considering -- we,  
4 the Navy, the Navy and its contractor  
5 weren't considering the new technologies  
6 out there. And in response, I mean,  
7 that's really why it's been redone.  
8 We're considering biological and chemical  
9 in-situ treatment schemes.

10 Okay. And I just want to note  
11 here -- there was a space here. Each of  
12 the alternatives below the no action  
13 include institutional controls. That  
14 means land use controls to ensure that  
15 the groundwater isn't used for human  
16 consumption or really any other and  
17 long-term monitoring, five-year reviews,  
18 groundwater sampling and analysis.

19 RAB MEMBER: Question on the  
20 off-site wells. I know that years ago  
21 there was concern and they were looked  
22 at. Was that the only time?

23 MR. TURNER: You guys went door  
24 to door.

25 RAB MEMBER: Is that the only



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time?

MR. TURNER: Not since, no.

RAB MEMBER: Is there any consideration into looking at it again, especially under a long-term monitoring program?

MR. EDMOND: I'm not sure because the modeling shows it's dropping faster than the wells are deep. It's like an inverted mushroom. Instead of spreading at the surface and going down like a funnel, it's going straight down and then moving out as it gets deep. These were all shallow hand-dug wells. Mostly it was really not groundwater in the wells. It was more like subsurface water I would call it.

MR. TURNER: There are two things there. We've concluded -- and I wasn't good at this. Remember where the drums were stored? We concluded that there's a diminishing source there. There's a low level source. There's no like Scott was calling residual product.



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2       There's not what we call DNAPL. There's  
3       no undissolved product there like a  
4       source that when the water flows in, goes  
5       up and down, it recharges. No, it  
6       doesn't seem to be happening. We  
7       believe -- we don't quite have enough  
8       data to say this, but it appears to be in  
9       a steady state, maybe it's receding. But  
10      we did a recent round of groundwater  
11      there. We have a draft report. It  
12      hasn't been to Ed's hands yet. It does  
13      seem to indicate, if anything, the  
14      fact -- the assertion, our assertion that  
15      we're probably in a steady state or  
16      moving backwards with the shape and size  
17      of the plume. It's getting smaller  
18      maybe. So does that help that question?

19               RAB MEMBER: It helps, but I  
20      would still say that, you know, it's nice  
21      to have some sampling to bolster that  
22      sort of conclusion.

23               MR. TURNER: It's tough to get  
24      the off --

25               RAB MEMBER: I'm not saying you



1  
2 necessarily have to go off-site. I  
3 believe the wells are --

4 MR. EDMOND: We have taken  
5 those. We did that this year.

6 RAB MEMBER: They continue to  
7 be looked at?

8 MR. KILMARTIN: Oh, yes.

9 MR. EDMOND: The sentinel  
10 wells, we monitor them yearly. That's  
11 part of our lab contract, our yearly lab  
12 contract, haz waste lab water testing,  
13 wastewater testing, sentinel lab testing.

14 MR. TURNER: We put a sentinel  
15 well as close to the Base property as we  
16 could in a line. We figured groundwater  
17 flows to the southwest here generally,  
18 also to the northwest because of that  
19 crazy divide we mentioned a few minutes  
20 ago, but what we're concerned about is  
21 the southwest toward that well. There's  
22 a cluster of three wells to intercept  
23 that groundwater and so it's simple to  
24 sample. And it's sampled on an annual  
25 basis. It's remaining about the same. I



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2 can't say it's going down.

3 MR. EDMOND: To summarize an  
4 answer for you, we do test on-Base  
5 sentinel wells along the fence line at  
6 Site 5. As you know, it was too hard for  
7 us to go out. A lot of people did not  
8 want us to test their water.

9 RAB MEMBER: I remember.

10 MR. EDMOND: It took a lot of  
11 persuading to get six people along  
12 Horsham Road to allow us to test their  
13 water. And one person got lucky. He  
14 found out he was drinking something he  
15 shouldn't have been drinking that was  
16 coming from a source other than the Air  
17 Station and we got him help. But we're  
18 not going to try and do that again. That  
19 was time-consuming, costly, but it did  
20 help.

21 RAB MEMBER: When I mentioned  
22 that sampling, I was not necessarily  
23 referring to going back to the private  
24 wells. I was more concerned with the  
25 sentinel type of concept.



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MR. TURNER: You think that's  
enough under control?

MR. EDMOND: Horsham is  
basically the same as our wells. These  
are shallow home wells that aren't even  
on the map as far as Horsham Water and  
Sewer Authority. How we found them --

RAB MEMBER: Two people had to  
go door to door.

MR. EDMOND: Jack and I when  
Jack worked for the Navy went door to  
door asking people to call us if they had  
a well.

RAB MEMBER: Was this funding  
already approved?

MR. BOYLE: Yes. Right now we  
have money in the '05 budget which is  
now, September 30, to do design and --

RAB MEMBER: Are you leaning  
towards a proposed alternative?

MR. TURNER: My last point is  
in the process we're under, the legal  
process we're following, we're not  
recommending anything at this point.





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2 There's not a selected or the Navy could  
3 say if they're leaning. Maybe  
4 biological. It looks promising,  
5 biological, according to our engineers.

6 MR. DALE: We're leaning  
7 towards biological. PADEP and EPA still  
8 need to review the report. Then we would  
9 still have to have the proposed plan and  
10 public meeting before we would decide on  
11 that, but since the last proposed plan  
12 involved the public suggesting we try  
13 biological or chemical, we feel we're  
14 meeting their suggestions pretty well.  
15 But nothing is set in stone.

16 MR. EDMOND: Another  
17 consideration everyone should know,  
18 besides the money factor, each one of  
19 these have a different time factor  
20 involved, some of them as little as ten  
21 years, some of them as high as 25 years.

22 MR. TURNER: That's a good  
23 point.

24 MR. BOYLE: Alternative 5 was I  
25 think 15 years.



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MR. TURNER: Alternative 5 was  
10 to 15 I think, something like that.  
Alternative 2 was fairly on the low side.

MR. EDMOND: Eight to ten  
years.

MR. BOYLE: It's longer.  
Alternative 2 is longer.

MR. TURNER: I'm sorry. I'm  
saying 2 meaning 4.

RAB MEMBER: Is that cost  
projected out over 15 years?

MR. BOYLE: The cost for '05 in  
the feasibility study is projected, but  
the cost that I have funded for this year  
is for the design and remedial action.

RAB MEMBER: In reality, the  
Alternative 5 over a 15-year period may  
cost ten times that.

RAB MEMBER: I think those  
numbers do include the projection out.

MR. TURNER: Present worth  
analysis.

MR. BOYLE: Design and remedial  
action this year.



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MR. TURNER: These numbers include design construction capital costs and monitoring.

RAB MEMBER: You're guaranteed once you start that program it continues for 15 years or whatever the required time is?

RAB MEMBER: As long as the Navy's still in business, I guess.

MR. BOYLE: It's in the budget now to do this work. There's no guarantees I'm going to a hundred percent get it this year, but it's in the budget and typically we get it. Just like when I discussed at the last RAB our plan of action. This work was not funded to do the work at Site 1, 2, and 5, but it became available. And my experience the last ten years as an RPM, if you get in and get it scoped out, you'll get it funded. I can't promise you that, but any kind of LTM type work if we were going to institute something, that money is almost guaranteed. I can't say that



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it would be -- or long-term operations, rather, of a remedial action, that money is typically almost guaranteed.

RAB MEMBER: They become operational costs at that point from year to year to year.

RAB MEMBER: The project in '99 was almost double.

MR. TURNER: That project changed. The deal there was the project changed. It did. But, yeah, that's a good point. It's true.

MS. FLIPSE: That one doubled in price because the removal -- the decision was made during the removal to go down to a much lower number in the postexcavation samples.

MR. EDMOND: We brought it back to almost pristine. We were there. There was a hot spot. And instead of just digging a hole at the hot spot, we decided to keep going and take it all. It cost more, but it assured the Navy that site was clean and we were done with



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2 it.

3 MR. TURNER: That's a good  
4 point. The cleanup level was 1 part per  
5 million for PCB with the state direct  
6 contact residential level being 5, but 1  
7 is a number around the industry that's  
8 considered very, very protective and  
9 probably never get called back and have  
10 to redig up anything. That's why the  
11 Navy chose it. Plus, when we had a  
12 pretty good idea of where those  
13 concentrations were, we said it's  
14 feasible to go to 1 PPM, so the Navy did.

15 MR. EDMOND: Once we got  
16 started, it would have cost more to stop  
17 it and start again. So the money was  
18 there and we continued. The site is a  
19 closed out no further action site. So  
20 even though it did cost double, it's  
21 successful because we did clean the  
22 environment back up to the condition it  
23 was when the Navy bought the property  
24 back in the day.

25 MR. TURNER: Could I backtrack?



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2 One thing on the PRAP I failed to say,  
3 with the process that we're talking  
4 about, public involvement, on Page 7 of  
5 the PRAP that you have are the names and  
6 addresses of people you can contact with  
7 comments. The Navy does want to see  
8 comments. EPA does want to see comments.  
9 As you can see on the FS, for instance,  
10 at Site 5, the Navy's responsive to  
11 public comments.

12 With that, I think I'm through.

13 MR. EDMOND: Send the comments  
14 to Ed. Leave my name out. I'm only  
15 kidding.

16 RAB MEMBER: I have a quick  
17 question. Your map that you have the  
18 USGS quad and had all the information on  
19 it --

20 MR. TURNER: That one?

21 RAB MEMBER: No.

22 MR. EDMOND: The hydro map.

23 RAB MEMBER: You showed a  
24 yellow area. There it is right in the  
25 middle.



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MR. TURNER: This will be for Kevin maybe.

RAB MEMBER: The stratigraphic unit, how does that impact what's going on? I don't remember you saying anything about that.

MR. KILMARTIN: Well, I didn't discuss it tonight. It's an integral part of the RI that was submitted in 2002. I talked earlier about jigsaw puzzles, about there's just all different kinds of data out there that we have to try to put together to come up with an integrated interpretation or conclusion. And what that is, the USGS -- as Jim discussed before, the Navy literally pulled the pumps on these supply wells to give the USGS access to these wells and they spent many days out there doing a lot of interpretations, pumping, video camera, and doing a bunch of what we call geophysical logs where they look at the electric signature of the formations.

One of the things they



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2 noticed when combining the chemical  
3 information that they got from the well,  
4 what they did is they went into each of  
5 these bore holes and did what we call  
6 packer tests where basically you go into  
7 the bore hole and you inflate packers to  
8 isolate certain depth intervals. And as  
9 you go down the well, you see that the  
10 well's not homogeneous. The  
11 contamination's not distributed evenly  
12 throughout the bore hole. There's zones  
13 that aren't so contaminated and then  
14 there's zones that are much more heavily  
15 impacted. And what the USGS found when  
16 combining the chemical data and the  
17 geophysical data from both of these wells  
18 and making their interpretation was that  
19 the most heavily impacted zone in each of  
20 these wells was basically the same rock  
21 layer, the same rock unit. Now, one of  
22 the things we've discussed I know in past  
23 meetings is the fact that the rocks  
24 beneath us right here, they're not  
25 perfectly flat. It's not just a series





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2 of horizontal bands or layers of rock.  
3 The rocks beneath us actually tilt.

4 RAB MEMBER: What's the unit  
5 name?

6 MR. KILMARTIN: The formation  
7 name is the Stockton formation here.  
8 These rocks are tilting to the northwest  
9 beneath us. So they're tilted like this.  
10 You see that if you drive up the  
11 northeast extension going up towards  
12 Allentown. You go through a series of  
13 really nice reddish-brown rocks. That's  
14 the Stockton formation. And one of the  
15 things you probably noticed again is  
16 these rocks are tilted. And that's  
17 exactly what we're seeing here. It's  
18 just underneath us beneath the ground.  
19 So, again, the USGS found that there was  
20 a particular unit that seemed to be much  
21 more heavily impacted than any of the  
22 other units all up and down the bore  
23 hole. What we did was knowing the rates  
24 that these rocks dip, we just started  
25 where we know they are and backed our way



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2 up to see where did those rocks intersect  
3 the surface or what we call outcrop or  
4 cropped out. And that's important  
5 because one of the things that a lot of  
6 scientists who study the groundwater in  
7 this type of setting, it's called the  
8 Triassic basin, one of the things they've  
9 concluded is that one of the -- well, let  
10 me backtrack for just a second.

11 We discussed before the fact  
12 that this deeper water is semiconfined or  
13 sort of isolated from the surface. So  
14 it's hard for groundwater at the surface  
15 to get through all of these rocks and get  
16 down to this area here because there's  
17 less permeable strata in between that  
18 block that water. So one of the things  
19 that scientists have found or concluded  
20 about this type of area is the way that  
21 that contamination can get down there is  
22 by being introduced into the shallow  
23 groundwater where that unit intersects or  
24 crops out. And then that contamination  
25 basically just travels along that rock



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2 route to get down to that depth.

3 So what we did here again just  
4 looking for another piece of the jigsaw  
5 puzzle was say, okay, we know which layer  
6 is the most heavily impacted. Let's  
7 track it back up and see where it crops  
8 out, which is potentially the area where  
9 those chemicals are being introduced into  
10 that rock layer. And because the rocks  
11 are a layer, you can imagine a layer cake  
12 and you tilt it and then cut it flat.  
13 What you'd see is a series of bands of  
14 the different layers. This band here is  
15 the outcrop area of that stratigraphic  
16 unit or rock layer that's most heavily  
17 impacted here. And what we saw when we  
18 projected that is, in fact, it intersects  
19 the surface right in this vicinity here  
20 by the aircraft area. And this again is  
21 just one of these many pieces of the  
22 puzzle that we used to come to the  
23 interpretation where we are right now.

24 MR. EDMOND: Kevin, that would  
25 almost be like a natural inverted



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aqueduct?

MR. KILMARTIN: Yeah.

MR. EDMOND: Other questions?

(No response.)

MR. EDMOND: We'll move on to  
Sites 10 and 11, Jeff.

MR. DALE: Thanks. I'm going  
to try and keep it brief since I didn't  
make up any slides. My name's Jeff Dale.  
I work with Ed Boyle for the Navy,  
remedial technical manager, so I handle  
more of the technical details in the soil  
and groundwater sampling. I wish our  
contractor EA could be here this evening  
because they did all the work for the  
project and I wanted to thank them, but  
next week is about the end of their  
contract for us so they're already moving  
onto other projects with the Navy and  
other clients and they couldn't really be  
here. And I wanted to thank them, not  
that I want didn't want to give a  
presentation.

I'm going to talk about Site



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2 10, which is the Navy fuel farm, which  
3 surprisingly had some fuel releases just  
4 like the Air Force fuel farm. And  
5 because they're fuel releases only, we're  
6 working with PADEP on the cleanup of it  
7 primarily. So it's mostly fuel-related  
8 compounds for the old Navy fuel farm that  
9 was excavated around 1990, 1991. A new  
10 fuel system was built on top of the site  
11 of tanks that meet the current standards  
12 that are now above ground. So we were  
13 dealing with residual fuel in the  
14 groundwater, floating on the groundwater,  
15 and some dissolved in the groundwater.  
16 We operated a remedial system for a  
17 couple of years that removed a few  
18 thousand gallons of fuel, pure fuel and  
19 dissolved fuel. Then we wanted to get  
20 the sites closed out under the PADEP  
21 laws. And what we've concluded is that  
22 as long as it remains a fuel farm, we've  
23 been protective of the environment. We  
24 haven't met all of the stringent  
25 requirements that PADEP has such as you



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2 need somewhere between four and eight  
3 clean groundwater sampling rounds before  
4 you can say no further action. So PADEP  
5 has agreed for no further action at this  
6 time for Site 10. There's no risk to the  
7 humans or the environment. And the  
8 groundwater is not flowing anywhere off  
9 Base just as we discussed at Site 1. Any  
10 residual contamination here has to go  
11 about 1,500 feet or 3,000 feet. And in  
12 30 years, that would not impact anybody.  
13 So we're choosing to just take no further  
14 action at this time as long as it remains  
15 a fuel farm, which we believe that it's  
16 going to be for the foreseeable future.

17 And Site 11 was right next to  
18 Site 10 where contamination was  
19 discovered when the Air Force was  
20 building this building here, which is a  
21 lot larger when you get down there. And  
22 they excavated some contaminated soil.  
23 And we determined that the source was an  
24 adjacent area where they park airplanes.  
25 In years past, they would drain waste



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2 fuel out of the airplanes before  
3 servicing them. And it looks like when  
4 the Air Force built that building and  
5 regraded the land, they removed all of  
6 the contaminated soil at that time  
7 because when EA went out to collect soil  
8 samples and groundwater samples, they met  
9 all of the PADEP standards and PADEP said  
10 you don't even have to make that a site.  
11 It's clean enough for us.

12 So I tried to keep it brief,  
13 but I will definitely answer anybody's  
14 questions if you want more detail.

15 RAB MEMBER: Jeff, just as a  
16 clarification, could you explain -- well,  
17 I'll just say we don't have to go through  
18 the rigorous process of comment period  
19 and everything for these decisions. I  
20 just want to make sure everyone knows  
21 that.

22 MR. DALE: Yes. PADEP calls it  
23 Act 2. That's their cleanup standards  
24 that apply to non-Superfund sites. And  
25 we're only following that procedure for



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2 these two sites because they were  
3 fuel-related only, just like the Air  
4 Force is doing. Now, we have to propose  
5 taking no action to PADEP and they have  
6 to agree to it, which they have and we've  
7 only recently received a letter agreeing  
8 that the sites are protective of human  
9 health and the environment now. The  
10 problem is to completely close them out  
11 we would need to collect soil samples  
12 under the current Navy fuel tanks, which  
13 is infeasible to say the least to close  
14 out a site that PADEP and us agree pose  
15 no risk. If there was a day care center  
16 there, it would be a different story.  
17 There's a fuel farm there. It's always  
18 going to be a fuel farm. So we're making  
19 the progress of closing out Sites 10 and  
20 11 and we won't have to bore you with any  
21 more details on those sites. We can  
22 focus on the more contaminated sites such  
23 as 2 and 5 and groundwater at Site 1. So  
24 we won't have a proposed remedial action  
25 plan for this site. We're just choosing





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2 no further action.

3 Like I said, I was trying to be  
4 brief because I knew I got put on last,  
5 but I'll be happy to answer any  
6 questions.

7 MR. EDMOND: No further  
8 questions?

9 MR. DALE: No further action.

10 MR. EDMOND: No further action.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: I just wanted to  
12 take an opportunity and introduce myself.  
13 I'm Marge Johnston. When the Navy  
14 regionalized and we're under the Navy  
15 mid-Atlantic, one of my responsibilities  
16 is compliance, environmental compliance.  
17 I'm head of the department which includes  
18 Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base  
19 Willow Grove. So Jim and his group work  
20 with me and I also have responsibility  
21 for Mechanicsburg, South Philadelphia,  
22 and Northeast bases. So I just wanted to  
23 introduce myself. I probably should have  
24 done it in the beginning. And I have  
25 some cards here. If anybody needs



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2 anything at any time, call me. I have  
3 about 15 years. I know some of the  
4 people, Mark Stephens when he worked at  
5 the shipyard and Ed Boyle and Gill, and  
6 there are a few other shipyard people  
7 here. So it's my first RAB meeting and  
8 it was very interesting, very  
9 interesting. A lot of the things that we  
10 talk about at these meetings we cleaned  
11 up and did down at the shipyard, because  
12 we had fire training schools and those  
13 have been done there. We touched on a  
14 lot of things that we will be doing here  
15 as well. So thank you.

16 MR. EDMOND: Thanks, Marge.

17 The only other thing is if  
18 anyone's interested, I have a couple  
19 copies. This is the Department of the  
20 Navy's book on all the cleanup sites  
21 within the United States, where they're  
22 going, the cost, the amount of years, et  
23 cetera, et cetera. It tells you all  
24 about the IR program. I think I have  
25 about two, three copies.



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2 RAB MEMBER: You can donate one  
3 of those to the new Horsham library.

4 MR. EDMOND: We'll put it in  
5 the repository. When money becomes  
6 available, we're trying to put it on CD  
7 so it will be on CD, digitized because we  
8 have a problem with real estate people,  
9 contractors going to the Horsham  
10 Municipal Building, saying that they need  
11 a book because they are selling a  
12 property or if somebody's buying a  
13 property, the book never seems to get  
14 back to the repository.

15 RAB MEMBER: They should not  
16 let it go. It should be reference  
17 material where you can't take it out.

18 MR. EDMOND: Because it's our  
19 material at Horsham, we have no real  
20 control. The idea is to put it on CD.  
21 The CDs will be available at the library  
22 when it opens and you can scroll through  
23 and see millions upon millions of pages  
24 of facts, figures, and drawings.

25 That will adjourn the meeting.



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2 I had the 12th of January for the next -  
3 meeting. It's another Wednesday. It's  
4 three months away. If everybody concurs,  
5 we'll see you again after all the  
6 holidays.

7 CPT. CLINE: Jim, thanks. I  
8 want to thank everybody for coming. This  
9 is one of the most important things we do  
10 here on the Air Station for you folks.  
11 And Jim thinks he's not coming to the  
12 ball, but we'll wait and see about that.

13 (Whereupon the meeting  
14 adjourned at 7:30 p.m.)

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